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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Carl R. MERRIL et al.

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Examiner: S. Gucker

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For: METHODS FOR TREATING NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES INCLUDING  
ALZHEIMER'S

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 29, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated  
September 30, 2002.

In the Action, restriction is required to one of:

- (I) Claims 1-4 (each in part), identified by the  
Examiner as being directed to a method for treating  
a neurodegenerative disease in a mammal, comprising  
administering to said mammal nicotinamide which  
will inhibit and/or reverse ADP-ribosylation of  
elongation factor-e (EF-2) in neuronal cells